

IN THE CLAIMS:

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31 1. (Twice Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:  
removing means for removing a recording medium from the medium fixing member, said  
recording medium being fixed to a medium fixing member such that an active surface of the  
recording medium is facing to the medium fixing member,

wherein the removing means has a removing claw, the removing claw having a  
rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip, and a distal end portion comprising  
both ends of an upper side of the rectangle, which are rounded and have a non-curvilinear  
portion provided in-between.

32 2. (Amended) The recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rounded  
portion has a radius of curvature of  $r = 1$  [mm] or more and an upper face of the tip has a face  
pressure of 1 [KPa] or less received from the recording medium being removed.

33 4. (Amended) A removing claw for removing a toner sheet or an image receiving sheet  
from a medium fixing member, wherein a cross section has a rectangle with a height reduced  
toward a tip, and a distal end portion comprising both ends of an upper side of the rectangle,  
which are rounded and have a non-curvilinear portion provided in-between.

5. (Amended) The removing claw according to claim 4, wherein the rounded portion has  
a radius of curvature of  $r = 1$  [mm] or more and an upper face of the tip has a face pressure of 1  
[KPa] or less received from the recording medium being removed.

7. (Twice Amended) A recording method utilizing a recording apparatus having a removing claw comprising:

fixing the image receiving sheet onto the medium fixing member, said image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer to receive an image of a recorded image;

fixing the toner sheet onto the image receiving sheet; and

removing the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet from the medium fixing member using a removing claw, the removing claw having a rectangular cross section with a height reduced toward a tip, and a distal end portion comprising both ends of an upper side of the rectangle, which are rounded and have a non-curvilinear portion provided in-between, such that the toner sheet or the image receiving sheet applies a pressure to an upper face of the removing claw including the rounded ends of the upper side upon removal.